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Slight Increase in State Rate

Unemployment in Michigan edged upward as the jobless rate increased from 11.7 percent in November to 11.9 percent in December. The rise in unemployment was primarily the result of jobseekers entering the labor force in search of holiday employment. The number of jobless individuals climbed by 12,000 over the month to reach 501,000. The state's civilian labor force expanded by 37,000 in December largely in response to holiday jobseekers. Most of the individuals seeking work were successful as total employment increased by 24,000 to total 3,714,000. Preliminary estimates indicate that Michigan's 1983 annual average jobless rate of 14.2 is considerably less than the 15.5 percent of 1982. Compared with a year ago, employment has climbed by 158,000 or 4.4 percent, while the size of the labor force has dropped by 81,000. In December 1982, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 741,000, representing a jobless rate of 17.2 percent.

Employment Level Continues to Rise

Michigan's wage and salary employment rose for the fourth consecutive month to total 3,276,900. Approximately 8,400 positions were added as job gains in the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors were only marginally offset by losses in the government sector. Manufacturing employment edged up 8,800 to total 933,800 as increases were centered in the transportation equipment and metal industries. Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector also recorded a significant increase as total jobs climbed to 1,764,700, up 10,800 from November. Most of the additional positions were primarily in the retail and wholesale trade industries. Government jobs declined by 10,200 to total 579,400. Total industry employment in Michigan has increased by 3.5 percent or 111,000 positions since December 1982. Manufacturing employment has accounted for approximately 95 percent of the yearly job growth, while nonmanufacturing gains have been largely offset by government losses.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

December, 1983 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,215,000	3,714,000	501,000	11.9%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	145,500	135,600	9,900	6.8
Battle Creek SMSA	80,300	70,600	9,700	12.1
Bay City-SMSA	51,600	44,000	7,600	14.7
Benton Harbor-SMSA	68,100	58,900	9,200	13.5
Detroit	1,934,700	1,706,500	228,200	11.8
Flint-SMSA	222,200	193,900	28,300	12.7
Grand Rapids SMSA	327,400	294,500	32,900	10.0
Jackson-SMSA	62,300	54,400	7,900	12.7
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	135,900	121,600	14,300	10.5
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	239,200	218,800	20,400	8.5
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	75,700	65,700	10,000	13.2
Saginaw-SMSA	98,100	87,000	11,100	11.3
Upper Peninsula LMA	136,100	112,600	23,500	17.3

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates
State of Michigan

Item	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Dec. 1982
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,216.0	4,179.0	4,245.0	4,297.0
Employment	3,714.0	3,690.0	3,715.0	3,556.0
Unemployment	501.0	489.0	530.0	741.0
Rate	11.9%	11.7%	12.5%	17.2%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,276.9	3,268.6	3,258.6	3,165.9
Manufacturing	932.8	925.0	920.3	826.6
Durables	728.4	720.7	716.1	633.9
Lumber & Wood Products	11.2	11.3	11.3	9.6
Furniture & Fixtures	22.7	22.7	22.4	21.2
Metals	163.9	160.6	159.5	136.8
Primary Metals	49.1	48.4	48.1	41.8
Fabricated Metals	114.8	112.2	111.4	95.0
Nonelectrical Machinery	121.7	119.2	117.0	116.6
Electrical Machinery	27.7	27.5	30.3	28.6
Transportation Equipment	346.9	344.6	341.6	289.3
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	328.7	326.4	323.5	272.8
Other Transportation Equip.	18.2	18.2	18.1	16.5
Other Durables	34.3	34.8	34.0	31.8
Nondurables	204.4	204.3	204.2	192.7
Food & Kindred Products	48.3	48.7	48.9	46.8
Textiles & Apparel	20.8	20.7	20.2	17.0
Paper & Allied Products	21.5	21.4	21.1	20.8
Printing & Publishing	32.2	31.5	31.8	32.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	44.2	44.4	44.7	44.9
Other Nondurables	37.4	37.6	37.5	31.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,764.7	1,753.9	1,750.1	1,752.3
Construction	87.8	95.8	97.6	90.2
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	136.5	136.8	136.9	137.3
Wholesale Trade	151.0	149.3	149.0	147.6
Retail Trade	562.4	547.3	538.4	561.8
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	151.9	151.2	150.8	150.2
Services	665.2	663.0	666.7	655.0
Mining	9.9	10.5	10.7	10.2
Government	579.4	589.6	588.2	587.0
Federal	56.9	56.3	56.3	57.1
State	143.8	153.2	151.7	150.7
Local	378.7	380.1	380.2	379.2
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.1	0.3	3.0	0.3

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1982 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1982 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan increased for the second consecutive month in December. The regular benefits claims load averaged 129,180 or 13 percent higher than the month ago total. In December 1982, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 283,740.

During the month of December, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program fell by 25,450 or 35 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 47,300 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
December 3, 1983	113,400	16,700	96,700	68,500	3,500	65,000
December 10, 1983	124,000	19,900	104,100	52,600	4,200	48,400
December 17, 1983	130,700	17,300	113,400	42,300	3,700	38,600
December 24, 1983	142,000	23,200	118,800	40,200	4,200	36,000
December 31, 1983	135,800	26,800	109,000	32,900	3,300	29,600

Prices Rise Slowly Throughout the Area

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area edged upward by one-tenth of a percent over the month to reach 300.1 in December. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of increases in medical care and transportation costs. Prices in the area rose by 2.6 percent since December 1982 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 292.6.

At the national level, the cost of living inched upward by four-tenths of a point to total 303.5. Reflecting Detroit area trends, higher medical costs were the primary reason behind the rise in prices. Between December 1982 and December 1983, national consumer prices rose by 3.8 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 292.4.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries dipped from 43.8 hours in November to 43.7 hours in December. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the automotive industry. During the month, average hourly earnings climbed by ten cents to $12.02, while average weekly earnings increased by $3.70 to total $525.91. In December 1982, earnings averaged $11.29 an hour or $466.11 per week for a 41.3 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$12.02**	**$11.92**	**$11.29**	**43.7**	**43.8**	**41.3**	**$525.91**	**$522.21**	**$466.11**
DURABLE GOODS	12.51	12.42	11.75	44.1	44.2	41.3	551.88	549.26	485.45
Primary Metal Products	11.93	11.99	12.68	42.5	42.0	40.7	506.73	504.27	515.59
Fabricated Metal Products	11.89	11.67	10.86	44.6	43.8	40.7	530.11	510.66	441.39
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.97	11.74	11.35	43.6	42.4	40.9	522.33	497.10	464.83
Electrical Machinery	10.56	10.42	9.88	43.1	43.5	40.4	454.87	453.60	399.61
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.87	13.80	13.10	44.9	46.1	42.1	622.80	635.79	550.77
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.08	9.93	9.69	42.3	42.3	41.2	426.43	419.75	399.47
Contract Construction	14.05	14.11	14.72	35.3	36.6	36.4	496.36	515.79	535.19
Department Stores	6.08	6.17	5.80	30.7	29.0	31.5	186.78	179.00	182.70

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdictions(s) included
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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